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The report of the treasurer showed a probable balance for January 1, 1921, of $890.30, a net increase for the year of $80.71.

The officers elected for 1921 are: *President,* C. A. Kofoid; *Vice-president,* A. L. Treadwell; *Member of the Executive Committee to serve five years,* Gilman A. Drew; *Member of Division of Biology and Agriculture, National Research Council, to serve three years,* William Patten; *Members of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science,* C. C. Nutting and W. C. Allee; *Members of the Advisory Board to serve four years,* C. A. Kofoid and D. H. Tennent.

Professor R. A. Budington appealed for support for Professor Van der Stricht and his *Archiv de Biologie* which can be given by the purchase of a set of lantern slides made from Van der Stricht's preparations showing fertilization in *Nereis.*

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED REGARDING DUTY FREE IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS

The American Society of Zoologists representing the zoological interests of the country, especially from the standpoint of research and instruction in our American colleges and universities, views with much concern the proposals made in the bill H. R. 7785 which provides for an increase of 20 per cent. in the duty on scientific instruments and an increase of 30 per cent. on scientific glassware and in addition repeals section 573 of the tariff act of October 3, 1913, which allows for the duty free importation of such materials by educational institutions.

In view of the fact that the great mass of research in pure science is still carried on by men in our colleges and universities, an increase in the cost of scientific apparatus and equipment is especially to be deplored since even under the present arrangement of low duties and duty free import privileges, the funds at the disposal of our educational institutions are inadequate to provide for the most efficient teaching equipment or to allow for the most effective prosecution of research.

Therefore be it resolved: That the American Society of Zoologists, assembled in annual session, call the attention of Congress to the burden imposed upon the prosecution of educational and research work by the proposed repeal of the privilege of duty free importation of scientific apparatus, chemicals and glassware by educational institutions and respectfully request the continuance of this privilege in proposed tariff legislation.

The American Society of Zoologists also requests the restoration of the privilege of the duty free importation of single copies of scientific books in the English language by members of recognized educational and scientific institutions.

That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Congressional Committees concerned, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Research Council and to the executive committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and given other proper publicity as the executive committee of the American Society of Zoologists shall direct.

CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF WILD LIFE

Whereas: The Ecological Society of America is engaged in attempting to secure the reservation of natural areas, *i.e.,* reserves including the original flora and fauna in an undisturbed state, for research present and future. A standing committee has been listing and describing such areas desirable for reservation, during several years past. The society is now entering on a plan to unite the various groups interested in primeval areas, namely:

1. Investigators in biology, geography, history and art.
2. Sportsmen through their interest in game sanctuaries.
3. Ornithologists through their interest in bird refuges.
4. Wild flower lovers through their interest in primeval areas as seeding centers and preserves.

The purpose of such union of interest will be to secure the preservation of natural areas in state parks, forest preserves, etc., and to secure the creation of more such parks and forest preserves.

Whereas: The number of primeval preserves especially in the eastern states is wholly inadequate for either present or future research purposes and areas from which such preserves may be created are rapidly being destroyed.

Be it resolved: That the American Society of Zoologists indorses the efforts of the Ecological Society of America to secure reserves for research purposes and directs its secretary to forward a copy of this resolution to the division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council.

And further resolved: That the president of the society be directed to appoint a delegate to the Parks Conference to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, January 10, 11 and 12, 1921, said delegate to represent the society in the interest of reserves of primeval conditions for zoological research.

A more complete report of the business transacted together with titles and abstracts of the papers presented and a revised list of members of the society will be found in the *Anatomical Record* for January, 1921.

W. C. Allee,
Secretary-Treasurer

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